



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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State Fire Mobilization ends for Lincoln County Wildfire

The Washington State Fire Mobilization Act declared Tuesday afternoon for the "Hatton Road Fire" south of Creston will end at 2:00 p.m. today. The fire burned 7,000 acres and threatened outbuildings as well as crops, was authorized assistance under the State Fire Services Mobilization Plan. Originally, the fire was reported to have burned 12,000 acres, but due to improved mapping by the Incident Management Team the actual size of the fire was identified.

The Washington State Patrol's (WSP) Fire Protection Bureau coordinated the dispatch of firefighters, equipment, and logistical support for Washington Incident Management Team #3 led by Incident Commanders Gary Berndt and Rich Andring. Resources responded from Franklin, Douglas, and Chelan counties, as well as Prosser, Spokane, Richland, and College Place to support firefighters from Lincoln County fire districts.

The Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray also returned to its normal Phase I operations at 2:00 p.m. today following the end of the state fire mobilization support.

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